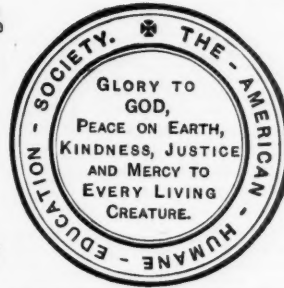


Our Dumb Animals.

"The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," "The American Humane Education Society," and "The American Bands of Mercy."

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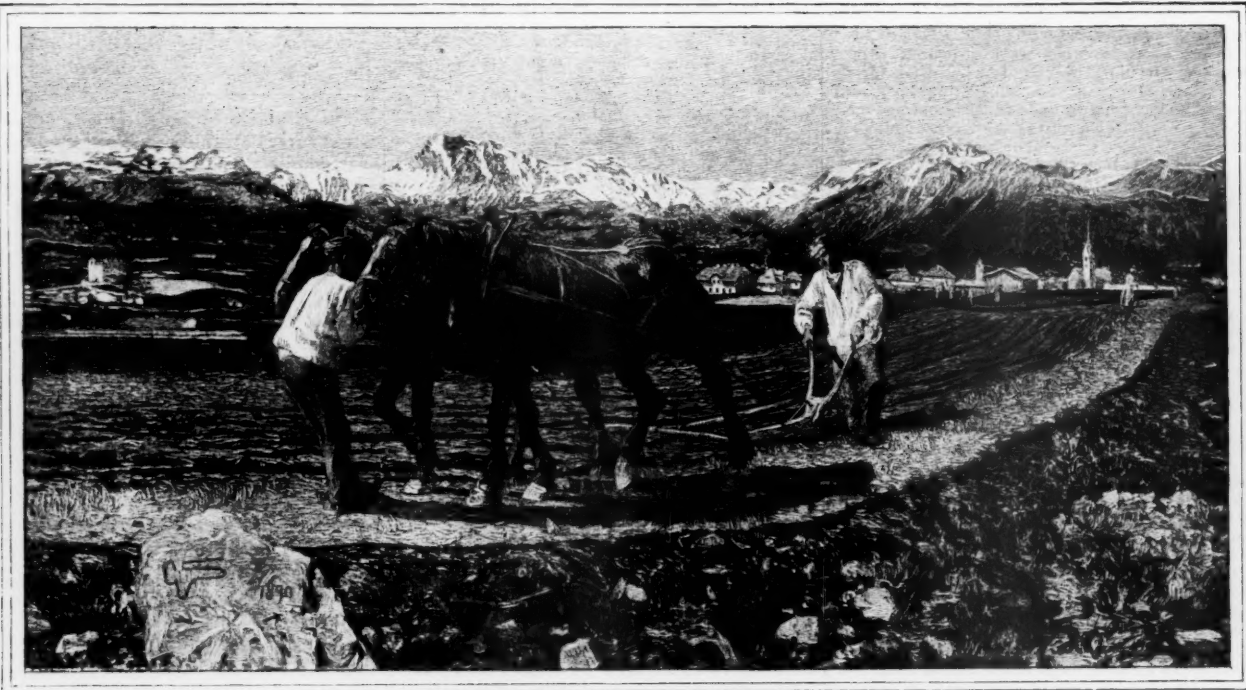
CANNOT SPEAK
FOR THEMSELVES."

I would not enter on my list of friends,
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility, the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.—COWPER.

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PLOUGHING IN SWITZERLAND. [From Scribner's Magazine, by kind permission of Charles Scribner's Sons.]

THE MOUNTAINS.

I saw the mountains stand
Silent, wonderful and grand,
Looking out across the land
When the golden light was falling
On distant dome and spire,
And I heard a low voice calling,
"Come up higher, come up higher,
From the lowland and the mire,
From the mist of earth desire,
From the vain pursuit of self,
From the attitude of self;
Come up higher, come up higher—
Think not that we are cold,
Though eternal snows have crowned us;
Underneath our breasts of snow
Silver fountains sing and flow
And restore the hungry lands.

JAMES G. CLARK, in *The Arena*.

A PATCH WORK BEDQUILT.

An editor out West thinks our paper resembles a "Patch work bedquilt," and we guess he is about right.

The fact is we started it [as the first of its kind in the world] nearly thirty years ago, for the purpose of talking [with it] each month to 200,000 people, or perhaps 2,000,000, instead of talking [without it] in our office to possibly 200—and we don't care two straws whether it resembles any other paper in the world or not—in fact, we would rather it should not. But it goes every month to every newspaper office in America north of Mexico, and we are sure no other paper in the world does that.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

PNEUMONIA.

Referring to the sudden deaths, by pneumonia, of Mrs. Robert Treat Paine and Dr. Robert Mark, recorded in our April paper, we receive on this April 13th from a Boston physician a copy of *The New York Magazine of Medicine*, containing an article by him on the treatment of pneumonia, in which he claims that the giving of stimulants, frequent nourishment, and the use of morphine are all wrong—that instead, plenty of fresh water should be drunk, and cold compresses of ice or ice water, often changed, should be kept on the chest. He states that Dr. Mays, of Philadelphia, reports over 200 cases of pneumonia treated in this way, with an average mortality

of about 4 per cent., while treated in the ordinary way the average mortality is from 20 to 25 per cent., and as our paper goes to every physician in the State, we think it worth while to publish this suggestion.

We well remember being attacked in the night many years ago at Newport, R. I., by a *terrible something*, which we thought might be the beginning of pneumonia; we packed the clothing of two beds on our own, then drank from the water pitcher until we could drink no more, the result of which was a profuse sweat and a cure.

But when we had *double pneumonia* three years ago—and the eminent specialist said it was impossible for us to live—we did, under the regular form of treatment and the nursing of our good wife, get well.

Our good mother, who lived to her eightieth year, was a firm believer in the use of purgatives, and during the last half of her life took them, we believe, every day, and two or three times took the old Morrison Hygiene Pills—(1) the first night, (2) the second, and so on up to (14), and then back again down to (1), and thought she saved her life by doing it. Many times she rendered wonderful service to her friends whom the doctors could not relieve, by recommending the free use of purgatives. In one instance [while we were in the practice of law] we were called upon to attend the final execution of papers by a lady for whom her physicians had given up all hope, and after telling her about our good mother's experiences, and that under the circumstances an experiment could only hasten her death by a few days, she sent her husband for a box of strong purgative pills, and in about a month was able to come to our office.

In our own case when we were seized with a fever, and could raise our head but a few inches from the pillow, and the eminent physician said that we should not be able to leave our bed for a fortnight, we concluded to take the case into our own hands, took a powerful dose of purgative pills, and went to his office the next day and paid his bill.

The best physicians are sometimes mistaken.

The eminent judge with whom we were formerly connected in the practice of law, having a severe attack of piles, was instructed by perhaps the two most eminent physicians in Boston, that nothing would permanently relieve him except a surgical operation, which confined him to his bed for weeks with great suffering and loss it may be of a hundred dollars a day.

He had hardly got over it when they came on again, and the doctors advised another surgical operation, but a Mr. Lilly, who kept an umbrella store on the corner of Cornhill and Court Street [and whose sons still keep the store, we believe], gave him a simple herb drink which cured him.

A relative of the same judge, a young man of about twenty, came at the judge's request to Boston, very sick with consumption, and being examined by the same two eminent physicians above referred to, both reported that there was no help for him.

This was more than forty years ago.

He commenced taking cod-liver oil, went out West, got married, made a fortune, and is living to-day at our Roxbury Highlands.

Some years ago we were advised by an eminent physician that we had heart complaint, and must not climb a flight of stairs unless absolutely necessary. We paid his bill and consulted another, who said we had no heart complaint at all; then a third, who said we had no more heart complaint than any man of our age; and then a fourth, who declared that he could find no trace of heart complaint.

The best physicians are sometimes mistaken.

Now what would we advise a sick man to do? There is no reason that we know of why a man, who will consult half-a-dozen lawyers in regard to a matter involving property, should not consult half-a-dozen doctors [if he wants to] in a matter involving life; and therefore we should say to such a man—Call in the best doctor you know, consult him and pay his bill, then a second if you please, then a third and then a fourth, and then put your life in the hands of the man in whose advice you feel the greatest confidence.

Get the best nurse or nurses that you can [a great deal depends upon your confidence in a kind and sympathetic nurse and on your confidence in your physician], and a wonderful deal depends on the power of faith and hope.

On page 16 of our "Autobiographical Sketches,"

we have written how the life of our good mother was, as we believe, twice saved when in advanced age, by inspiring her with the belief that she would certainly recover.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS GIVEN US.

We are very sorry to find on our table this Friday morning [April 9th], a letter from a prominent Boston physician, in which he declines to continue his subscription to our "Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" on account of our position in regard to experimentation on animals.

We are particularly sorry because we gratefully remember his letter of two or three years ago, in which he wrote: "Your great work, Mr. Angell, makes all other work seem small"—but we are glad to receive on this same morning a letter from another prominent Boston physician, enclosing a check for a generous donation to our "Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," and adding, "If your 'American Humane Education Society' needs it, I will send another donation for that."

We are also glad to find in this same morning's mail an editorial in the *Somerville (Mass.) Journal*, which closes: "Long live Mr. Angell, and success to his fearless little paper"—also to find on our table a notice in the *Evening Transcript* of a new humane book by Miss Marshall Saunders, entitled "The King of the Park," written at Mr. Angell's request, on account of its importance in teaching kindness to animals; also that Miss Saunders' book, "Beautiful Joe," (written in response to one of Mr. Angell's prize offers), has had a phenomenal sale (over two hundred thousand copies already).

We also find on our table in same mail a dispatch to the *Boston Evening Record* from St. Louis, Missouri, stating that J. M. Williamson, fifteen years old, was given an injection of anti-toxine for the purpose of preventing diphtheria, and forty minutes later the boy was a corpse.

It gives us pleasure to add that although our former friend declines to subscribe anything more to our work, yet his good wife has just sent us a request to have two cats mercifully killed, which we order to be done.

And here we find another letter to Vice-President Hill from one of the noblest women in America, closing, "Please say to Mr. Angell that I rejoice in the good tidings which March 'Our Dumb Animals' brings us of his improved health."

We are of course sorry to lose any human friend, but must never forget our duty to those to whose protection we have given a large portion of our life, and who have no power to protect themselves.

NEXT MORNING.

And now on this next morning after writing the above [namely, April 10th] comes to our table another check for a liberal donation from another eminent member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, residing on the Back Bay—and with it a notice that a good lady in Wisconsin recently dying [who would never have given us a dollar if we had not done our duty in regard to this matter of vivisection], has left to our "American Humane Education Society" ten thousand dollars to aid in carrying on our work.

And here is another letter from Washington, D. C., bearing frank of a U. S. senator, and enclosing \$10—and here another from one of our largest givers and Boston's most prominent citizens, closing: "I pray you may continue many years in health and strength"—and here on next day another from a lady in England sending our "American Humane Education Society" £50 [about \$250], and with other kind wishes expressing the hope that our life may be long spared.

And here, just before going to press, comes another from a good woman in Indiana, who is going to make a will giving all her property to our "American Humane Education Society," and concluding, "Hoping you may be spared to the world many years"—and here another from one of Boston's most prominent citizens, enclosing \$25 "to keep things moving in your energetic, humane, God-helping Society."

And here is another from The Board of Education of Minneapolis ordering a thousand cloth-bound copies of "Black Beauty" for use in their public schools. And here another from "The Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" wanting our

Massachusetts constitution and by-laws for use in Maryland.

And here another from New York city, thanking us for sending copies of our Spanish "Black Beauty" to all Spanish American countries except Cuba, and here three letters from Mexico about distribution of our literature there, and here a letter from Rome, Italy, with draft of \$50 to aid our distribution in Italy, Yokohama, Japan, and elsewhere.

We will stop here, but could go on filling our whole paper with letters showing the greatness of our work.

We have in this morning's mail 118 letters, and 89 newspapers and magazines. We have had in a single day's mail more than 200 letters, and more than 100 newspapers and magazines.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below."

GEO. T. ANGELL.

UNLIMITED VIVISECTION.

Great efforts are being made, we understand, by the men who advocate "unlimited vivisection" [and refuse to permit even educated physicians who sympathize with us to visit their laboratories] to prevent good people from giving us anything to aid our work.

Go ahead, gentlemen—"the blood of the martyrs has been through the ages the seed of the church"—and you may render us great service in hastening the time when your laboratories will have to be thrown open to public inspection, and every violation of law there be punished.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

FROM ADDRESS OF MRS. WHITE, OF PHILADELPHIA, PRESIDENT OF WOMAN'S S. P. C. A. BEFORE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

"Is it any wonder that Ghandi, the Hindu, who lectured here in Washington lately, said that he never could become a Christian while the Christians defended vivisection?"

"There is not a greater falsehood under God's heaven than this. I do not mean to say that all the physicians intend to utter a deliberate falsehood, but a great majority of them do not know any better. There can scarcely be found in the community a class more ignorant of this subject than the doctors. Again and again, when in the course of discussions I have mentioned very cruel experiments in their presence, they have expressed their surprise that such things should be done. You must understand that vivisection is not usually physicians—that is, physicians in active practice. They are mostly what are called scientists or physiologists, and they give up their whole time to their investigations. Neither Pasteur nor Koch is a doctor. Consequently most of the medical profession accept the results arrived at by these physiologists without inquiring closely into the manner in which they are obtained. They will not consent, as a general thing, to read our publications, which would show them at what a price these results are obtained; if they did, they would many of them be converted to our way of thinking. A late article, [probably an editorial in the *New York Critic*], says, in speaking of Dr. Leffingwell's work, 'Vivisection in America,' that if it could be read by all physicians, a majority of them would be convinced that vivisection ought to be abolished, or at least severely restricted."

"I repeat, then, do not pay any attention to what your doctor says, if he tells you that the experiments are performed under anesthetics. Some of the most dreadful of these experiments, such as that I described to you under the name of 'recurrent sensibility,' are upon the nervous system, when no anæsthetic can be administered."

"Remember your moral accountability; remember that if you are convinced of the cruelty and unjustifiability of vivisection, and do not help us as far as you can to put it down and banish it from our midst, that at the last great Day of Judgment you may be held as accessory to the criminality. Committing, then, our cause to you, I pray that God may assist you to come to a just and righteous decision."



Founders of American Band of Mercy.

GEO. T. ANGELL and REV. THOMAS TIMMINS.

Officers of Parent American Band of Mercy.

GEO. T. ANGELL, President; JOSEPH L. STEVENS, Secretary.

Over twenty-eight thousand branches of the Parent American Band of Mercy have been formed, with probably over a million members.

PLEDGE.

"I will try to be kind to all harmless living creatures, and try to protect them from cruel usage."

Any Band of Mercy member who wishes can cross out the word *harmless* from his or her pledge. M. S. P. C. A. on our badges means "*Merciful Society Prevention of Cruelty to All*."

We send *without cost*, to every person asking, a copy of "Band of Mercy Information" and other publications.

Also *without cost*, to every person who writes that he or she has formed a "Band of Mercy" by obtaining the signatures of thirty adults or children or both—either signed or authorized to be signed—to the pledge, also the name chosen for the "band" and the name and post-office address [town and State] of the president.

1. Our monthly paper, "OUR DUMB ANIMALS," full of interesting stories and pictures, for one year.

2. Mr. Angell's Address to the High, Latin, Normal and Grammar Schools of Boston.

3. Copy of Band of Mercy Songs.

4. Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals, containing many anecdotes.

5. Eight Humane Leaflets, containing pictures and one hundred selected stories and poems.

6. For the President, an imitation gold badge.

The head officers of Juvenile Temperance Associations, and teachers and Sunday school teachers, should be presidents of Bands of Mercy.

Nothing is required to be a member but to sign the pledge, or authorize it to be signed.

Any intelligent boy or girl fourteen years old can form a Band with no cost, and receive what we offer, as before stated.

The prices for badges, gold or silver imitation, are eight cents large, five cents small; ribbon, four cents; song and hymn books, with fifty-two songs and hymns, two cents; cards of membership, two cents; and membership book, eight cents. The "Twelve Lessons on Kindness to Animals" cost only two cents for the whole, bound together in one pamphlet. The Humane Leaflets cost twenty-five cents a hundred, or eight for five cents.

Everybody, old or young, who wants to do a kind act, to make the world happier and better, is invited to address, by letter or postal, GEO. T. ANGELL, Esq., President, 19 Milk Street, Boston, Mass., and receive full information.

Good Order of Exercises for Band of Mercy Meetings:

1—Sing Band of Mercy song or hymn, and repeat the Pledge together. [See Melodies.]

2—Remarks by President, and reading of Report of last meeting by Secretary.

3—Readings, "Angell Prize Contest Recitations," "Memory Gems," and anecdotes of good and noble sayings and deeds done to both human and dumb creatures, with vocal and instrumental music.

4—Sing Band of Mercy song or hymn.

5—A brief address. Members may then tell what they have done to make human and dumb creatures happier and better.

6—Enrollment of new members.

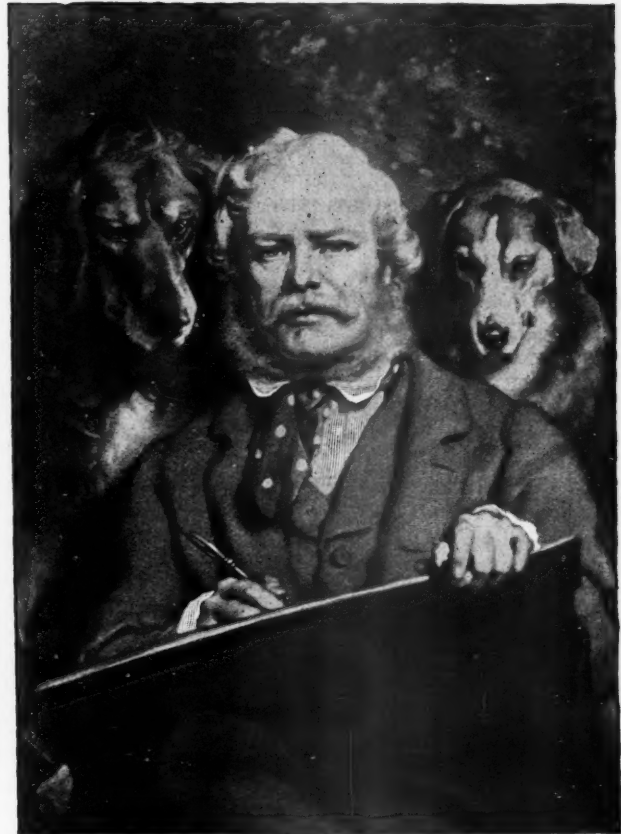
7—Sing Band of Mercy song or hymn.

THE NEED OF UNMUZZLED DOGS.

The great increase of murders and outrages in this country, and the use of bicycles by criminals, will soon make it necessary for farmers and persons living in solitary and exposed places, and many others, to keep powerful unmuzzled dogs for the protection of themselves, their wives, families and property; also make it necessary for police authorities to employ dogs to track and pursue criminals.

A good dog might have prevented the Somersworth Bank robbery, and saved the life of its cashier.

GEO. T. ANGELL.



SIR EDWIN LANDSEER AND HIS DOGS.

By kind permission of "The National Magazine," 83 Newbury St., Boston.

(For "Our Dumb Animals.")

A TRUE STORY OF WISCONSIN.

BY A LADY WELL KNOWN TO US.

Several years ago in Wisconsin, before the Indian had retired from the neighborhood of the white man, a mother and her little girl were alone in their cottage on the edge of a great forest. Everything seemed peaceful and there was no thought of danger. The mother sat inside the door sewing, while the child was in the bright sunshine playing; their large black dog Cuff was the only other member of the family. Suddenly half a dozen Indians fresh from a recent raid on whiskey stood in the door-way and demanded more whiskey. The lady had no whiskey but offered them food and drink. The Indians, however, were drunk, and before the mother could interfere the roughest seized the little girl and was making off with her, when the dog, which had wandered away a short distance, came bounding back. In an instant he had the savage by the throat and threw him to the ground; the others, having no fire-arms, beat a hasty retreat. The dog kept a tight grip on the Indian until they had all gone, then released him and he also departed.

The little girl [now a grown woman] is a dear friend of the writer. Now, children, let us remember that other dogs are capable of just such bravery and that they will risk their lives for those they love, and so let us always treat them with the kindness they deserve.

E. C. D.

A REMARKABLE BUT TRUE STATEMENT.

Hon. Francis S. Hesselstine of our Boston Bar sends us the following written to him by Dr. J. Langdon Sullivan, a prominent physician of Malden, Mass.

"The facts you ask for are as follows: Twenty years ago a gentleman brought to my office, 310 Main St., Malden, a large, very handsome intelligent spaniel dog, whose nigh foreleg was badly broken, the bone being grown out of place. On the master's assurance that the dog would not bite me, I set the leg. Drawing the bony fragments into place caused severe unavoidable pain. The animal whimpered, but displayed no anger, and allowed the dressing to remain undisturbed until I removed it, when firm union had resulted. I saw no more of my canine patient nor of his owner for two years. Then (again on a Summer's morning) I heard a loud scratching at my office door, I opened it and there stood my old spaniel friend, wagging his tail. Beside him stood a fine black and tan with a round French nail driven clear through his right paw. I patted the spaniel, called both dogs in, removed the nail and sent both away happy, trotting side by side as if nothing had happened. I have never seen anything of either since."—JOHN LANGDON SULLIVAN.

"There isn't another creature living
Would prove through trial and disaster,
So fond, so faithful and so forgiving
To such a miserable, thankless master."

TROWBRIDGE.

OUR DUMB ANIMALS.

Boston, May, 1897.

ARTICLES for this paper may be sent to
GEO. T. ANGELL, President, 19 Milk St.

BACK NUMBERS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Persons wishing *Our Dumb Animals* for gratuitous distribution can send us five cents to pay postage, and receive ten copies, or ten cents and receive twenty copies. We cannot afford larger numbers at this price.

TEACHERS AND CANVASSERS.

Teachers can have *Our Dumb Animals* one year for twenty-five cents.

Persons wishing to canvass for the paper will please make application to this office.

Our *American Humane Education Society* sends this paper this month to the editors of *about twenty thousand* newspapers and magazines.

OUR AMBULANCE

Can be had at any hour of the day or night by calling Telephone 357, South Boston.

Horse owners are expected to pay reasonable charges.

In emergency cases of severe injury, where owners are unable to pay, the ambulance will be sent at the expense of the Society.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REMITTANCES.

We would respectfully ask all persons who send us subscriptions or remittances to examine our report of receipts, which is published in each number of our paper, and if they do not find the sums they have sent properly credited, kindly notify us.

If correspondents fail to get satisfactory answers please write again, and on the envelope put the word "Personal."

My correspondence is now so large that I can read only a small part of the letters received, and seldom long ones.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

We are glad to report this month *eight hundred and ninety-four new branches* of our *Parent Band of Mercy*, making a total of *twenty-eight thousand four hundred and thirty-one*.

MRS. ROBERT TREAT PAINE.

The following resolution was unanimously passed at the annual meetings of the *American Humane Education Society* and *Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*, on March 30th:

Resolved—That by the death of *Mrs. Robert Treat Paine*, for many years a director of our *American Humane Education Society* and *Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*, our two Societies have met with a great loss, which we sincerely mourn.

She was a good woman, full of humanity not only for human beings, but for all God's creatures that have not the power to tell the wrongs inflicted upon them. She has left a noble record and gone as we humbly trust to a higher, happier and better existence.

MRS. J. H. FRENCH, OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN.

We deeply regret to learn of the death of the above-named excellent lady, who was one of the best friends of dumb animals in our country, and with whom we have had much correspondence and from whom we have received from time to time generous donations to aid the work of our *American Humane Education Society*.

She too has gone to join the great army of mercy on the other side.

After writing the above there came to our table a letter from the Assistant Treasurer of Beloit College, informing us that Mrs. French died suddenly on March 19th—that he is executor of her will—and that she has left to our "*American Humane Education Society*" \$10,000.

To this letter we sent the following reply:

"Your kind letter of April 8th announcing that Mrs. French has left to our "*American Humane Education Society*" a bequest of \$10,000, fills my whole heart with gratitude. ["Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."] We can do a world of good with that amount of money, and I hope that no one will contest the will, as I am desirous of enlarging the work of our "*American Humane Education Society*" as soon as possible.

With kindest wishes I am, yours sincerely,

GEO. T. ANGELL."

We praise God both for what this good woman did in her lifetime here and for what she has left to do good after passing, as we hope and trust, to a higher and happier existence.

SING SING, NEW YORK.

It is with deep regret we learn of the death of one of our foremost humane workers, Miss Dusenberry, of Sing Sing, New York, with whom we have had the pleasure of corresponding for many years. She too has gone to join the great and growing army of mercy on the other side.

HOW A BALTIMORE CLERGYMAN EASILY RAISED MONEY.

He set his Sunday-school at work canvassing for *Our Dumb Animals*, and then had the canvassers give to the Sunday-school work the commissions to which they were entitled, namely—one-half of every fifty cent subscription. In this way he had the pleasure of aiding our good work, and of getting quite a sum of money for church purposes. Every clergyman in the United States can easily do the same thing, and so obtain considerable sums of money for Sunday-school work, Christian Endeavor work, or any other good work that needs it.

Another way—our Prize Contests in humane speaking, described in another column—started only a few months ago—are meeting with great success.

It costs very little to heat and light a church or vestry, and get a little good music—some prominent friend to preside—and three other friends to decide who wins the prize or prizes:

Let several Sunday-schools, or other schools, or classes, select each their champion speaker or reciter, who will compete for our *American Humane Education Society's* silver medal or other prize.

Let the admission fee be anywhere from 10 to 25 cents. The church will be packed with the school-mates or class-mates of the contest champions and their parents—the meeting will be enthusiastic, for each class or school will be sure to want to hear and cheer their champion, and very considerable sums of money will thus be easily raised for any purpose to which it is thought best to devote it.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

In moving out of town don't forget your cat.

ANGELL PRIZE CONTESTS.

A splendid way to raise money in schools, churches, Sunday-schools, or elsewhere for any object preferred.

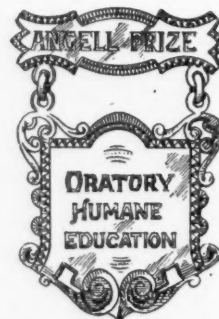
ANGELL PRIZE CONTESTS IN HUMANE SPEAKING.

We have beautiful sterling silver medals, of which this cut shows the size and face inscriptions.

On the back is inscribed "*The American Humane Education Society.*"

We sell them at one dollar each, which is just what we pay for them by the hundred.

Each is in a box on red velvet, and we make no charge for postage when sent by mail.



The plan is this: Some large church or public hall is secured, several schools or Sunday-schools are invited to send their best speaker or reciter to compete for the prize medal; some prominent citizen presides; other prominent citizens act as the committee of award, and a small admission fee, ten or twenty cents, pays all the costs, and leaves a handsome balance for the local humane society or "*Band of Mercy*," or school or Sunday-school or church or library or any other object preferred.

It is a splendid and easy way to raise money.

We have a book of 192 pages describing the plan and containing beautiful selections to be used by the speakers and reciters in these contests, which our "*American Humane Education Society*" sends to those who are going to contest, on receipt of six cents in postage stamps to pay postage; and to all others for sixteen cents in postage stamps, which is precisely what they cost us with postage.

Every school taking part wants to attend, so do parents and friends; good music is added, and a full audience is insured, and a very enthusiastic one, for every school of course cheers its champion, and, for a week after, the merits of what was said and how it was said will be discussed, not only by children but by parents.

As before stated, these prize contests have been already recommended by the *Master of the National Grange* for all the Granges of our country—also by the *National Superintendent of the Department of Mercy* of the W. C. T. U., to be adopted by that organization all over the country, and they have attracted notice from the press as far off as London and Australia.

We have already considerable orders for both books and medals, and on our table are interesting accounts of their success, at one of which in Cleveland, Ohio, the other evening the Mayor of the city presided.

OUR BAND OF MERCY ORGANIZERS.

Organizer Chas. S. Hubbard has organized since leaving New Orleans in *Biloxi, Beauvoir, Bay St. Louis, Algiers, Baton Rouge, Natchez, Jackson, Vicksburg, Holly Springs, Winona and Jackson, Tenn.*, 281 Bands.

Organizer A. J. Leach has organized since last report in *Lincoln, Whitman, Bedford, Revere, Littleton, Vineyard Haven, Cottage City, Edgartown, North Tisbury, Holliston, Milford and Fitchburg, Mass.*, 156 Bands.

Organizer Mrs. Emily Huntington Elwell has organized in *Williamset, Chicopee, Chicopee Falls, Springfield, Indian Orchard, Merrick, Mitteneague and Holyoke, Mass.*, 53 Bands.

ITALY.

Our "American Humane Education Society" was the first in the world.

The Italian Humane Education Society, now being built at Rome on the same model, is the second, and is largely the result of the circulation of our literature [including thousands of copies of "Black Beauty" in Italian] in that country.

We have no doubt that in due time other European nations will follow.

SPANISH "BLACK BEAUTY."

We take pleasure in saying to our readers that we are sending to prominent and influential gentlemen in all the Spanish-American countries, except Cuba, a large number of copies of "Black Beauty" translated into the Spanish language, together with a circular informing them that we are desirous of furnishing any number of other copies at bare cost; and we wish that our American Humane Education Society had funds sufficient to distribute a much larger number gratuitously.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Just before going to press we have an order from the Board of Education of Minneapolis, for one thousand cloth-bound copies of "Black Beauty," to be used in the public schools of Minneapolis.

PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

We send our placards for protection of birds — and offering \$5.00 and \$10.00 prizes for evidence to convict of violation of our law — to be posted in every city and town of our State.

HOW TO KILL ANIMALS HUMANELY.

We send full directions to all our agents throughout the State and to many police and others, how to kill animals humanely. And we now send to the heads of police of every city and town, also to every newspaper office in the State a copy of these directions with request that they will retain them, and so be able to inform any one inquiring in regard to the matter.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Mrs. M. E. Cleveland, Secretary of the R. I. Society, reports 331 new "Bands of Mercy" formed during the past year.

BANDS OF MERCY.

Ordinarily we can only afford one page of our 12-page monthly to publish the "Bands of Mercy," but we shall occasionally make our paper 16-pages and publish all not before published.

MAYOR STRONG OF NEW YORK CITY.

We are glad to be informed by a New York Vice-President of our American Humane Education Society that Mayor Strong of New York City has become a member of one of our "Bands of Mercy" and worn its badge.

COLOMBO, CEYLON.

We are glad to receive a request to send our literature, songs, papers and directions for forming "Bands of Mercy" in Colombo, Ceylon.



A WATERING TROUGH IN SWITZERLAND.

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WOMAN'S BRANCH "PENNSYLVANIA S. P. C. A."

In the last annual report of Mrs. Caroline Earle White, President of the above, just received, we find a record of much good work, and are glad to notice that they have more than 10,000 boys enlisted in 71 "Bands of Mercy," 37 of which are in Catholic parish schools, 1 in Girard College, 1 in the House of Refuge, and 32 in public schools. In Girard College about 800 boys are receiving humane instruction, and in the House of Refuge about 700.

CAPE TOWN, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, SOUTH AFRICA.

It gives us pleasure to receive from the Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Cape Town, a remittance for one thousand copies of our publications, to aid them in promoting humane education and forming "Bands of Mercy."

ARKANSAS.

We are glad to learn that the Legislature of Arkansas has passed a very stringent law for the protection of song-birds; and that Professor Jordan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has prepared an interesting program for "Bird Day" exercises, which he hopes to have used in all the schools of Arkansas.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.

We are glad to be informed by the Secretary of the South Bend Humane Society that Friday, March 26th, was celebrated as "Bird Day" in all the schools of that city; also that clergymen in various churches of the city are bringing the importance of humane education before their congregations.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

We are pleased to receive from Miss Jessie McKenzie of Kansas City, Mo., a fine account of the progress of our "Bands of Mercy" in that city.

OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY.

We are glad to receive a request from the Oregon Society for assistance to aid them in obtaining a law to prevent the shooting of live pigeons from traps for sport.

AMONG LARGER SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Among the larger subscriptions for *Our Dumb Animals* since last monthly report are over 300 from Washington, D. C., and over 200 from Rochester, N. Y.

CAUTION TO BICYCLERS.

Never kill a pedestrian when it can be avoided, but when you do kill one dismount and say you're sorry.

GOOD FOR THE BICYCLER.

A maiden lady of very mature years was riding her wheel recently on the sidewalk of a Michigan town. A policeman stopped her, and said: "Excuse me, lady, but I must ask you to go before a justice of the peace with me." "Well, now," she exclaimed, "I've been waiting more than twenty years for some man to ask me to go before a justice of the peace with him. Of course I'll go." The policeman did not stop for further explanation.

NO SUCH WORD AS "FALE."

A Western editor pitches into us severely because we do not want to fight unnecessarily the greatest naval power of the world and the best customer for all our agricultural products — but he mis-spells so many words in his editorial that we are reminded of the young man who wrote his girl about meeting him, and used the expression "don't fale," to which his girl replied, "there's no such word as fale."

A THEOLOGICAL OPINION.

Father Taylor, Boston's famous preacher to the sailors, was once asked what he thought would become in the next world of the great Unitarian, Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"I don't know," said the old gentleman — "I don't know — but the devil couldn't do anything with him — that's certain."

OREGON.

We are glad to learn from Mr. Shanahan, Secretary of the Oregon Society, that "Bird Day" having been tried with great success in some of the schools, they now propose to have a law establishing "A Bird Day" in all the schools of Oregon. We propose to have a similar law in Massachusetts. We cannot permit any State or country in the world to get ahead of Massachusetts.

"The American Humane Education Society" and
 "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

Perhaps I cannot better bring before the readers of this report a true idea of the great work of our "American Humane Education Society" and "Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" than by a simple statement, (1) that we have now formed or caused to be formed in this country and elsewhere nearly twenty-eight thousand "Bands of Mercy," with a membership of between one and two millions. (2) Have circulated and caused to be circulated in our own and various other languages more than two millions copies of "Black Beauty," also over two hundred thousand copies of our recently published prize story "Beautiful Joe;" also millions of copies of our various other humane publications, including our three prize stories, "The Strike at Shane's," "Hollyhurst," "Four Months in New Hampshire," and our new "Humane Horse Book." (3) Have printed over one hundred and seventeen millions of pages of humane literature in a single year. (4) Have sent *Our Dumb Animals* monthly not only (among others) to about eleven thousand Clergymen, Doctors, Lawyers, Editors and School Superintendents in Massachusetts—all members of Congress, and our State Legislature—all Presidents of Colleges and Universities in the United States and British America, but also each month to the editors of every newspaper and magazine in North America north of Mexico. (5) Have employed two missionaries to form "Humane Societies" and "Bands of Mercy," and have a third now on trial, and could find plenty of work for a hundred more if we had the means to employ them.

All this being for the purpose of humanely educating the millions of youth now in our public schools and elsewhere, for the protection of property and life, and the prevention of every form of cruelty both to human beings and the lower animals.

If any two other Humane Societies in the entire world can show a humane educational work approaching this in magnitude, we shall be glad to know and widely publish it.

I need not add that our correspondence during the year has been immense.

I am glad to say that our receipts during the year have met our expenses, that our two Societies were never in better condition, and that the prospect for the new year is most encouraging.

The prosecuting agents of our "Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" have dealt during the year with eight thousand three hundred and seventy complaints of cruelty, taken thirteen hundred and one horses from work, and mercifully killed one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three horses and other animals. Since the organization of the Society they have dealt with one hundred and eleven thousand nine hundred and forty complaints of cruelty.

We have offered during the year prizes to the amount of nearly two thousand dollars for evidence to convict those who violate our

laws by cruel vivisection, cruel mutilation of horses, and other cruelties. Our ambulance has been used sixty-one times; thousands of placards for the protection of birds have been posted on our Common, Public Gardens and Park, and sent widely through the State into every town, and on cold days our "white-coated man" has walked our streets with his request, "Please Blanket Your Horses While Stopping."

The monthly circulation of our paper, *Our Dumb Animals*, has been between 50,000 and 60,000 each month, and from the general press we have received great aid in publishing our prosecutions of aggravated cases and articles which I have written.

To make our paper more attractive as well as useful, I have during the year published in it various editorials and articles on a wide variety of subjects such as—*The Promotion of Peace—Premature Burials—How to Settle our Railroad Strikes—Plans of Relieving Poverty and Preventing Crime—An Industrial Army—College Rowdism—and many others.*

The subject of cruel vivisection in schools and elsewhere (as the readers of *Our Dumb Animals* know) has received special and constant attention, both by sending a vast amount of information and thought to the press throughout the United States and British America, and to physicians and others, and by the offer of prizes for evidence to convict.

Our American Humane Education Society.

The great and most important work of our "American Humane Education Society" [first of its kind in the world] has been constantly and largely growing.

Two thousand nine hundred and ninety-six new "Bands of Mercy" have been formed, making a grand total of twenty-seven thousand five hundred and twenty-three Bands, with between one and two millions members. "Black Beauty," "Beautiful Joe," and our other Prize Stories and humane publications have been given by it a wide circulation in various languages, both in our own and other countries.

It has offered and paid prizes (1) For the best plan for peacefully settling the Venezuela difficulty [ex-Governor Long, now Secretary of the Navy, being Chairman of its Committee on this subject]; also (2) for the formation of "Legions of Honor" in American Colleges, and has now an offer of \$200 for the best story illustrating the fashionable cruelties of (so-called) fashionable people.

It has during the year sent at its own expense *Our Dumb Animals* [and often marked copies] to all Congressmen, Presidents of American Colleges and Universities, and the editors of every newspaper and magazine in North America north of Mexico.

Of new work commenced by it during the year nothing can be more important than the plans introduced by Mrs. Emma Rood Tuttle of Ohio, of prize-speaking in all cities and towns on humane subjects, which has already received the indorsement and recommendation of *The Master of the National Grange*, and many of the subordinate Granges, also largely of "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union," and other organizations.

As is shown in recent issues of *Our Dumb Animals*, these prize contests are proving a great success, both in calling public attention to the importance of our work and in raising money to enable "Humane Societies" and "Bands of Mercy" to increase it.

For full information on this subject write us, and particulars will be cheerfully sent.

Three large legacies have been received by our "Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," one of \$10,000 from the estate of Mrs. Ann White Vose, a most estimable Boston lady who died about twenty years ago; another of over \$14,000 from the estate of Moses Wildes 2nd of Boston, a most humane gentleman, very fond of animals; and a 3rd also, over \$14,000 from the estate of Mrs. Anna E. Brown, of Quincy, Ill., one of the noblest women of her State, with and from whom I had much correspondence and various liberal donations to our work during several years previous to her death.

Of the first and third of these gifts we can only use the interest.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

We have lost by death two of our most esteemed directors, Mrs. Robert Treat Paine and Mrs. Samuel C. Cobb.

At the close of the meeting at which our "Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" was organized on March 31, 1868, Mr. Russell Sturgis, its Honorary Secretary, pro tem, accompanied me to my office underneath the hall of meeting, and there kneeling on the floor together we offered fervent prayers to the Almighty that He would be pleased to bless and prosper the work then begun.

Of all the Board of Directors elected on that day only Mr. Sturgis and myself are now living.

I am glad to say that during the past winter my health has been better than for several years.

With profound gratitude to all who have helped us with good words and generous deeds and gifts, let us press on—work while the day lasts.

"Act—act in the living present!
 Heart within, and God o'erhead!"

GEO. T. ANGELL.

THE AMERICAN PRESS.

We are profoundly grateful for the help given us by the general press, but nearly all the money that comes to us comes from those who read our paper and know our work—[now far exceeding that of any other Societies of our kind in the world]—and whenever [as sometimes happens] some one complains it is almost sure to be one who does not read our paper, and has never given a sixpence to aid us.

"WHAT A DIRTY MAN YOU MUST BE."

A gentleman calling at our office this morning says that he hasn't taken a bath for five years. To be sure he corrected the statement afterwards by saying that he referred to a Turkish bath. But it reminds us of an anecdote about Harrison Gray Otis, of Boston, when he was one of our judges. The chief justice, to the annoyance of Mr. Otis, was very careless about his personal appearance, which led Mr. Otis to say to him one day: "How often do you change your shirt, judge?" "Change my shirt!—once a week," was the reply.

"Once a week!" said Mr. Otis, "why, I change mine every day." "What a dirty man you must be," was the reply.

B.—"I see by the posters that F., the tragedian, travels under his wife's management."

D.—"So do most men, only they don't advertise it."

A NOBLE LETTER AND A GENEROUS GIFT.

MR. G. T. ANGELL:

My Dear Sir,—It gives me infinite pleasure to ask your acceptance of the enclosed check of \$200 which you can devote to a "Building Fund" for your *American Humane Education Society*, if you think best. Such a building would stand for a century or centuries to proclaim the law of love, justice and compassion.

Is it not possible that among the rich who are giving their hundreds of thousands for *brain culture*, there may be one who, realizing the far greater need of *heart culture*, and foreseeing the great good humane education work may do, will give a sum sufficient to raise a *never-dying monument* to his or her name?

America is to-day staggering under the weight of *brain culture* while selfish greed and crime are rife.

The crowning glory of humanity, more and more, will be the education which your *American Humane Education Society* [first of its kind in the world] and its nearly twenty-eight thousand "*Bands of Mercy*" are giving.

I would that I had a sum sufficient to do this work alone, and so aid in carrying out through the great future what you have so wisely and successfully begun.

While it is true that we can take nothing when we shall be called hence of the silver and gold which have accumulated here, it is indeed a blessing that we may leave behind us what will make the world forever nobler, richer and happier for our having lived in it. With kindest wishes for your long continued health,

I am, sincerely yours.

FROM ENGLAND.

It is with pleasure and gratitude we receive a most kind letter from an English lady, Mrs. M. Greenhough, in which, telling us of her interest in our *American Humane Education Society*, she encloses a check for fifty pounds [about \$250] and expresses the hope that our life may be long spared.

"A SPRING CONCERT."

BY MRS. L. H. SIGOURNEY.

There's a concert, a concert of gladness and glee,
The programme is rich and the tickets are free,
In a grand vaulted hall, where there's room and to spare,

With no gas-lights to eat up the oxygen there.
The musicians excel in their wonderful art,
They have compass of voice and the gamut by heart;
They have travelled abroad in the winter recess,
And sang to vast crowds with unbounded success,
And now 'tis a favor and privilege rare
Their arrival to hail and their melodies share.

These exquisite minstrels a fashion have set—
Which they hope you'll comply with and may not regret—

They don't keep late hours, for they've always been told

'Twould injure their voices and make them look old.
They invite you to come, if you have a fine ear,
To the garden or grove, their rehearsals to hear;
Their chorus is full ere the sunbeam is born,
Their music the sweetest at breaking of morn—
It was learn'd at heaven's gate, with its rapturous lays,

And may teach you, perchance, its own spirit of praise.

"And you asked her father for her hand?"

"Yes. He said I must be an idiot to think of it."

"What did you reply?"

"I told him that of course he knew his own family better than I did, but I would take the chances."



ANGORA KITTENS.

From Walnut Ridge Farms Office, 3 State Street, Boston.

A GREAT TRAVELER.

Mrs. Henry F. Eden of San Francisco, whose husband is chairman of the "Floating Society Committee" of that city, sends us the following account given her by Mr. Swanberg, a Swedish sailor on United States ship "Oregon," and adds, "I know Mr. Swanberg to be absolutely truthful."

"Puss was an old salt when I first made his acquaintance on board a Norwegian bark named 'James S. Ston,' on a cruise to Montevideo. In this port the cat disappeared from the ship—some of the sailors thought he had deserted, and others thought he had been 'shanghaid,' but at all events we saw no more of him in Montevideo.

Nine months later, when we were lying at the dock in Antwerp, Belgium, taking in general cargo for the West Indies, Puss came on board again, and, very much at home on his old ship, started with us for another cruise.

We had a hard experience on this voyage, for our ship was wrecked, springing a leak in the Bay of Biscay, and we had to take to the open boats. During the confusion of getting ready to leave the ship Puss was greatly excited, running around the rail with every sign of distress; we took him with us in one of the boats.

We were all picked up in safety by the Norwegian brigantine "Leon," and put on shore in Lisbon, excepting Puss and myself, who volunteered to ship on the brigantine then bound for Para, South America. We soon got into the trade winds and fine weather, and Puss playing one night in the foremost rigging fell overboard. We tried to save him but he disappeared under the stern, and as it was quite dark we gave up hopes of poor Puss, supposing he was on his way down to Davy Jones' locker. Half an hour later, however, the man at the wheel heard the cat crying faintly for help; he was clinging to the rudder, holding on bravely. We quickly lowered a rope to him but he was not able to make use of it, so we held down a plank and drew up poor Puss clinging for dear life. After that he never cared about climbing the rigging again.

When we arrived at Arendal, Norway, where the ship belonged, the Captain took Puss home with him to live in peace and comfort on shore, thinking that his chapter of adventures had been long enough for one cat."

One thing we must never forget, namely: that the infinitely most important work for us is the humane education of the millions who are soon to come on the stage of action.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

10,652.

Ten thousand six hundred and fifty-two murders were committed in the United States last year.

In what other country of the world is there greater need of humane education than ours?

DAN, THE DEERHOUND.

SEEMED TO HAVE A PRESENTIMENT OF HIS MASTER'S DANGER.

L. C. Meachamp, who lives at Homer, La., is a great hunter, and has a fine deerhound, Dan, of which he is justly proud. A few months ago Mr. Meachamp was going squirrel-hunting, and in order to keep Dan at home he was compelled to tie him up. The hound whined and begged, but finding his master was obdurate he at last lay quite peaceably before his kennel all day.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, however, when Mrs. Meachamp was beginning to look for her husband's return, Dan became so unusually restless that she went out to see what was the matter. In spite of her repeated efforts she could do nothing to pacify him, and at last, to her utter astonishment, he broke the rope and bounded away over the fence and into the woods. He was gone probably a half hour, when he came running back, panting and almost breathless, with his master's hat in his mouth.

Mrs. Meachamp became at once alarmed, and calling her son they set out to find Mr. Meachamp, the dog all the time bounding along in front and leading the way. At last they came upon Mr. Meachamp lying helpless in the woods, where at precisely 5 o'clock he had fallen in a little ditch and broken a small bone in his leg. The dog's knowledge of the accident at the very moment of its occurrence seems almost incredible, but the truth of this is beyond dispute.—*The Alliance*, N. Y.

A FRENCH GUILLOTINE IN CLEVELAND,
OHIO.

We take the following from editorial in a Cleveland (Ohio) paper:

"Not only is the young idea in Cleveland being taught to shoot, but it is being shown how to carve as well."

"At the request of Miss Bushnell, a teacher at Central High School, two of her boy pupils brought a live cat into the class-room, where the teacher anesthetized the animal and dissected it before the class. The feline was carried into the room in a bag, and when the boys attempted her removal there was a lively time. Puss clawed toward every point of the compass at the same time, but Miss Bushnell heroically came to the assistance of her pupils and soon the conquered cat was laid upon the fatal table. Chloroform was speedily administered and then the deadly scalpel got in its work."

"Report has it that many of the pupils lacked the fortitude to witness the bloody exhibition. Some left the room, and it is said that one girl fainted before the ghastly spectacle and had to be carried from the place. On the other hand, a number of children were highly elated by the performance and considered it rare sport. The dissection was given in the afternoon by Miss Bushnell before a class of thirty girls and two boys."

When seen at her home last evening, Miss Bushnell freely admitted the dissection, but added, 'really the cat was quite dead when the knife was applied. No, I do not give such exhibitions often, as I do not have the time for them. But I encourage experiments in dissection among the pupils at home, where they use rabbits and chickens as subjects. In many instances they bring to school interesting drawings on these dissections.'

"While these exhibitions may be offensive in a measure to some over-sensitive pupils, they are very popular with the greater number."

Last summer or fall thousands of Cleveland people attended a great public exhibition of butchering for prizes offered to the butchers who could, in a given time, butcher and dress the greatest number of animals.

On an elevated platform covered with blood, in sight of the thousands of spectators, the animals were butchered and dressed.

With such pleasant entertainments for all ages of its citizens, and such instructions for the children in its public schools, we should think [unless there is some interference by "Bands of Mercy" or otherwise] that Cleveland may in time become a most desirable residence for certain classes of American citizens, and possibly in one of its largest public squares may one of these days be erected a French guillotine to chop off the heads of prominent men and women for special amusement on public occasions — and perhaps under the influence of these "scientific" teachings, now being so widely introduced into our institutions of learning [if not interfered with by humane education and "Bands of Mercy"], a similar form of amusement may be adopted in other American cities.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

OUR COLLEGES.

Our paper goes each month to every University and College President in the United States, and we deem it a duty to attack the growing rowdiness in many of them.

We commend to their Faculties the example of the distinguished Dr. Wayland of Brown University, when he said to the trustees, "Gentlemen, my resignation is at your disposal at any moment, but if I remain here I am going to have good order if I expel every student" — and he had it.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

\$1000.

In behalf of "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," I offer *One Thousand Dollars* for evidence to convict ten persons in Massachusetts of violation of our State law by *cruel vivisection* — namely, *One Hundred Dollars* for evidence in each case.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

GEO. T. ANGELL, President.

OUR MASSACHUSETTS LAW.

Relating to Vivisection in the Public Schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. No teacher or other person employed in any public school of this Commonwealth shall in the presence of any scholar, in said school, or any child or minor there present, practice vivisection, nor, in such presence, exhibit any animal upon which vivisection has been practised.

SECTION 2. Dissection of dead animals, or any portions thereof, in the public schools of this Commonwealth, in no instance shall be for the purpose of exhibition, but, in every case, shall be confined to the class-room and the presence of those pupils engaged in that study to be illustrated by such dissection.

SECTION 3. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved March 22, 1894.]

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

What do you think, Mr. Angell, about the fitness of Mr. Roosevelt to be the Assistant Secretary of our Navy?

Answer — We remember his views [as stated by him in "The Century"] in regard to the treatment of cattle on Western ranches — and his statement on some public occasion in regard to disinheriting a son who would weigh broken bones against the honor of being one of a football eleven — and his caution to Yale students to beware of philanthropists — and some other of his sayings and doings, from which we infer that he differs widely in point of humanity from Abraham Lincoln, General Grant, and many other distinguished Americans [North and South] whom we might name.

As a fighter we have no doubt he has the same kind of courage as that class of rich young men who distinguish themselves in gambling college foot-ball fights and in breaking their mutilated horses' legs and necks [and sometimes their own] chasing a little fox or an anise-seed bag over ditches, fences and stone-walls, but we have great doubts as to his fitness to hold an important command in either army or navy.

"The English officer who ordered the famous charge of the six hundred" Light Dragoons, at 'Balaclava,' was doubtless a good "Jingo" fighter, but a terribly foolish one."

GEO. T. ANGELL.

"WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS ARE."

Instead of having the terrible destruction caused by the recent overflows in the Mississippi Valley, and along other rivers, how much better it would have been — as we long ago urged in this paper — to have put 100,000 idle men at work on the levees instead of building so many costly battle-ships and threatening to fight all creation about a little strip of land away down in South America.

As Puck says: "What fools these mortals are."

THE OVERFLOW OF OUR WESTERN
AND SOUTHERN RIVERS

Leads us to republish what we wrote for the Boston Evening Transcript of April 10th, 1894 — and sent to every member of Congress and Massachusetts Legislature, and republished in May, 1894, *Our Dumb Animals*, and sent to every editorial office in the United States and British America:

"There can be no question that half a million laboring men could be usefully employed to-day by our National and State Governments on public improvements of great value."

One hundred thousand men could be put at work on a ship canal from the Mississippi River to Chicago — another 100,000 on a ship canal from Lake Michigan, opposite Chicago, to Detroit; another 100,000, perhaps, on enlarging the Erie to a ship canal from Buffalo to Albany, and [possibly by the use of electricity or otherwise all these canals might be kept open a large part of the winter]; another 100,000 on a ship canal across upper Florida from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. John's River; another 100,000 in strengthening the levees of the lower Mississippi and other rivers; another large force in draining and irrigating vast tracts of waste lands and so preparing them for settlement; another large force in constructing fortifications and breakwaters for the protection of our harbors; another in constructing and improving National and State roads, and in various other ways too numerous to mention.

If I mistake not, a very considerable body of men might be profitably employed in Washington itself, securing better sewerage, the filling of the Potomac flats, building proper bridges across the river and killing out the causes of malaria.

Now, I am not a congressman; never held a political office in my life, and never want to; but I have, in common with others, an interest in the welfare of our country, and in promoting peace and goodwill between all classes of its citizens, and with that view would inquire whether it is not entirely within the power of Congress to authorize the immediate enlistment of one, two, three or more hundred thousand men as an "Industrial Corps" of our regular army, to be employed only in useful industries, but to be subject to as strict military discipline, court-martial trials, etc., as the regular army; this "Industrial Corps" to be placed under the control of officers designated by Congress or the President. The enlistment to be for one, two or more years, and the men put at work as soon as possible in some of the ways above specified.

State governments may follow the example of the United States, and every unemployed man in the country willing to work have plenty to do.

If the question be asked: Can we afford to give all these unemployed men employment? I answer,

Suppose, if absolutely necessary, we postpone for a year or two the building of any more \$1,000,000 warships and \$60,000 cannon, every discharge of one of which costs from \$300 to \$400.

Suppose during the next few years we watch the costly experiments of European governments, which are much more likely to try to keep their own restless citizens quiet by setting them at fighting each other, than to meddle with us if we properly behave ourselves."

GEO. T. ANGELL.

As we go to press it is said that 50,000 square miles of Western lands are overflowed.

A BIRD AT SCHOOL.

(For Our Dumb Animals.)

We were all at school this pleasant morning. It was so warm and pleasant that all the windows were open, and the maple-trees, near by, were full of leaves.

The children were saying their morning prayer, "Our Father, who art in Heaven," with their heads down upon their desks and their eyes closed. When they had said, "Amen," the teacher touched a little bell, and all the heads were raised.

Then what do you think the children saw? Why, a beautiful little bird, slowly flying about the room. He settled down, as if he was tired, on a long seat at the back part of the room. The children kept saying, "Oh! oh!" very softly, and seemed ready to spring out of their seats.

Then the teacher walked slowly to the back part of the room, and took up the little bird on her handkerchief. He did not try to get away, but sat still, slowly winking his bright black eyes.

The teacher let all the children look at him. He had black and slate colored feathers, all dotted with white, and a long slender black bill, like a humming-bird.

When they had all seen him, the teacher put him down with great care on the window-sill. He sat there very still, about ten minutes; and then, being rested, spread his wings and flew away. The children were so pleased with their little visitor that they wanted this story put in print.

H. W.

"LISTENER"

IN THE "BOSTON EVENING TRANSCRIPT."

"Listener" whose interesting daily column in the Transcript is read by many of our readers, loves the birds, and the birds evidently love him, as appears from the following in the Transcript of April 10th:

"The 'Listener' had a thing happen in his library the other day which, he was assured from the kitchen, was very lucky. As he sat writing, in the middle of the forenoon, he heard a scratching and fluttering at the window, and saw a bird of remarkably fine greenish lustre apparently trying to get in through the glass. The 'Listener' opened the window, and there came in, not with many a flirt and flutter, but with a gentle swinging flight, a very beautiful canary of exquisite tinge. The bird seemed not at all afraid, and the first thing he did was to proceed to eat the leaves of a heliotrope in the window quite greedily. Then some hempsed was brought and put on the window-sill, which the bird ate freely; and when he had enough, he took a prodigious spattering bath in a saucer of water, and then went on a tour of inspection around the room, looking into every vase and behind every picture. This rapid tour accomplished and the premises evidently having been found to the canary's taste, he came and perched on the back of a chair close beside the 'Listener' and burst into song—a lovely, trilled, melodious song, which lasted a long time. Naturally the bird had by this time quite ingratiated himself; it was fondly hoped that his owner wouldn't turn up; but inquiries had to be made and the bird advertised. Days went by, and no claimant came; and meantime the bird lived and sang happily in the room, cheerfully possessing himself of the whole of it; he was the most sociable, companionable little fellow in the world, and a great beauty and a veritable Nordica of canaries. Everybody in the house was in love with him.

And then, just a week after he came, a buggy drove to the door, and a lady with a cage in her lap wanted to know if 'her Pedro' was there; and the green canary turned out to be her Pedro, and he went away in the cage; and one person blinked heavily, and another wiped a tear out of her eye—and it was really bad luck for the bird to have come to the house."

A recent German writer says:

"The lark goes up singing toward heaven; but if she stops the motion of her wings, then straightway she falls. So it is with him who prays not. Prayer is the movement of the wings of the soul; it bears one heavenward; but without prayer we sink."



THE BIRD AT SCHOOL.

We had a canary once and this is what we said of him on page 19 of the appendix to our Autobiographical Recollections, and in *Our Dumb Animals* of July, 1882:

A Baltimore lady sends us this morning a plea for caged canary birds kept in the hot sun, neglected and suffering.

We believe that cruelty to a caged bird is a sin in the sight of God, and if those who do it, or permit it, are not somewhere held accountable, then there is no such thing as justice.

We ourselves have a canary. We would not take a thousand dollars for him if we could not get another. We permit him to fly about our rooms several hours a day. We do not starve him on poor canary seed. We feed him what we think he would like if he could help himself—crumbs of coarse bread and flour bread, always a cracker in his cage, fruit, lettuce, chickweed—anything we think a bird would like, and he takes, like other people, just what he likes and refuses what he doesn't like, and is tough and strong and as happy as a bird can be. We have had him now going on three years. He plays with us, comes to our fingers, shoulders, head. We chase him and he chases us and sings little songs of triumph when we fail to catch him. We never leave him in a hot sun. We never hang him up in a hot room to suffer and wilt. We never put him in a cold room to shiver. If he was sad, we should be sad, and if he should sicken and die we should shed more tears than we should over some of those who abuse little birds and other so-called dumb creatures. We make him very happy when he is caged by giving him a little mirror, which we so hang that the sun or lights shall not dazzle him. When we want him to stop singing, we always give him the little mirror, and he will stand and look at his pretty self hours together and keep as quiet as a mouse.

He sings in the morning his happy song of thanksgiving, and just before sundown his evening-hymn, and sometimes later we hear his soft, sweet notes as though he were saying his little prayers to his Maker and ours.

As we believe in an omniscient God, without whose knowledge not a sparrow falls to the ground, so we believe that we shall be held accountable for the happiness or unhappiness we may bring into this little bird life that God has kindly given to make our lives happier.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

The Boston publication, *Our Dumb Animals*, speaks forth as with a clarion voice ringing through the land. The large number of "Bands of Mercy" lately organized among our city's children show how the good work is progressing here, and soon there will not be, it is hoped, a single school without one within the limits of this municipality. *Our Dumb Animals* is engaged upon a noble mission, and in its fulfilment it knows no sect, or creed, or color line, or party division—no anything but abhorrence for all cruelty of whatever kind.—*The Daily Herald*, Syracuse, N. Y.

TO ALL CLERGYMEN IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE.

In the Sunday-school of a large church in Baltimore they have decided to secure a large number of subscriptions for *Our Dumb Animals*. The solicitor's commission, namely, twenty-five cents on each copy, to be given to aid in church work.

If in every Sunday-school of the United States the same plan should be adopted it would raise the circulation of *Our Dumb Animals* to millions, and at the same time raise in every Sunday-school a considerable amount of money to be used for church work or any other work that the Sunday-school may choose to give it to.

VIOLETS.

Blue and white, in soft array,
Over the meadows the violets lay,
Lowly and meek, as if kneeling to pray.

A little brook goeth murmuring by,
Singing its tenderest lullaby,
While softly the violets stir and sigh,

And to the mosses gently cling,
And dainty bits of color fling
Over the meadows wavering.

List as they whisper soft and low,
To the warm earth heart below,
Where all sweet treasures spring and grow.

And the sweet bird in yonder tree
Sings to the violets merrily,
Sending his heart out cheerily.

And fleeting shadows come and go
Over the grasses, swift and slow,
Down where the blossoms bloom below.

Little violets, dainty and fair,
This one brief hour, oh, let me share
The spirit of your sweetness rare.

L. A. F., in *Vick's Magazine*.

THE DOVES IN VENICE.

Venice is a queer city. Many of the streets are only canals full of water. One day while I was walking, some little boys came up to us to sell corn to feed the doves with. I took some in my hand and held it out to the birds and hundreds of them came flying about me to get it, and two of the handsomest I ever saw flew up on my hand and ate the corn. You can't imagine how pretty it was.—*Congregationalist*.

WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF
THE BANDS OF MERCY?

I answer: To teach and lead every

child and older person to seize
every opportunity to say a kind
word or do a kind act that willmake some other human being or
some dumb creature happier.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

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- 27438 Gainesville, Texas.
Silver Band.
P., Miss Kate Cunningham.
- 27439 Santa Ana, Cal.
Unity Band.
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Latona Band.
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Fellows Band.
P., Susie Fellows.
- 27442 Ionia, Mich.
Junior C. E. Band.
P., Miss Lillian Jackson.
- 27443 Cooperstown, N. Y.
Golden Rod Band.
P., Dennis Ottaway.
- 27444 Sidney, N. Y.
Hope Band.
P., Miss Ella E. Perrin.
- 27445 Busy Workers Band.
P., Rosa L. Golden.
- 27446 Endeavor Band.
P., Bertha B. Clark.
- 27447 Fortville, Indiana.
Fortville Band.
P., Mrs. Bertha B. Hervey.
- 27448 Reesville, Ohio.
J. C. E. Society Band.
P., Mrs. Kate C. Houpp.
- 27449 Lincoln, Mass.
Julia A. Bemis Band.
P., Ernest W. Small.
- 27450 Lookout Band.
P., Miss Mary E. Ehler.
- 27451 Bobolink Band.
P., Miss Harriette F. Sawin.
- 27452 So. Lincoln, Mass.
Black Beauty Band.
P., Nellie M. Newton.
- 27453 Robin Red Breast Band.
P., Marion H. Morgan.
- 27454 New Orleans, La.
Fisk School.
Lincoln Band.
P., A. P. Williams.
- 27455 Busy Workers Band.
P., Miss Allen.
- 27456 Douglas Band.
P., Miss Williams.
- 27457 Busy Bee Band.
P., Miss Fleming.
- 27458 Willing Workers Band.
P., Miss Wicker.
- 27459 Golden Rod Band.
P., Miss Isabelle.
- 27460 Audubon Band.
P., Miss Feger.
- 27461 Little Helpers Band.
P., Miss Bibb.
- 27462 Star of Mercy Band.
P., Mrs. Williams.
- 27463 Golden Rod Band.
P., Miss Campanel.
- 27464 George T. Angell Band.
P., Miss Jones.
- 27465 Buds of Promise Band.
P., Miss Eagleson.
- 27466 Silver Link Band.
P., Miss Lehman.
- 27467 Silver Leaf Band.
P., Miss Williams.
- 27468 Wide Awake Band.
P., Miss Lewis.
- 27469 C. S. Hubbard Band.
P., Miss Wickham.
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James G. Blaine Band.
P., C. P. Guichard.
- 27471 Enterprise Band.
P., Mr. Wicker.
- 27472 Faithful Workers Band.
P., Mrs. McCarthy.
- 27473 John Brown Band.
P., Mrs. Chester.
- 27474 Little Helpers Band.
P., Miss Hamilton.
- 27475 Onward to Progress Band.
P., Mrs. Keppard.
- 27476 Willing Workers Band.
P., Miss Allain.
- 27477 Buds of Youth Band.
P., Mrs. Johnson.
- 27478 McKinley Band.
P., Miss Lopez.
- 27479 Golden Circle Band.
P., Miss White.
- 27480 Perseverance Band.
P., Miss L. Murray.
- 27481 Willing to Try Band.
P., Miss P. F. Murray.
- 27482 Golden Link Band.
P., Miss Brisco.
- 27483 Willing Hands Band.
P., Miss Alton.
- 27484 Ever Ready Band.
P., Miss Hamilton.
- 27485 Harvesters Band.
P., Miss Cornelius.
- 27486 Bayon Road School, Colored.
George Washington Band.
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- 27487 McDonough Band.
P., Miss Gow.
- 27488 Old Margaret Band.
P., Miss Redwood.
- 27489 Violet Band.
P., Miss Condrain.
- 27490 Pestalozzi Band.
P., Miss O'Hara.
- 27491 Daliah Band.
P., Miss Huskamp.
- 27492 Little Protectors Band.
P., Miss Miester.
- 27493 McDonough School, No. 6.
C. S. Hubbard Band.
P., Alice Croman.
- 27494 Willing Workers Band.
P., Miss Leslie.
- 27495 McDonough Band.
P., Miss Schriever.
- 27496 Golden Rod Band.
P., Miss Payne.
- 27497 Pansy Band.
P., Miss Keeling.
- 27498 Heliotrope Band.
P., Miss Maloney.
- 27499 Violet Band.
P., Miss Boyle.
- 27500 Rosebud Band.
P., Miss Rourke.
- 27501 Geo. T. Angell Band.
P., Miss Vizard.
- 27502 I'll Serve Band.
P., Miss Herron.
- 27503 I'll Try Band.
P., Miss Hm.
- 27504 Golden Rule Band.
P., Miss Hansen.
- 27505 McDonough School, No. 24.
C. S. Hubbard Band.
P., A. C. Priestly.
- 27506 Audubon Band.
P., Mr. Laws.
- 27507 Douglas Band.
P., Mrs. Clarke.
- 27508 Edward Boothe Band.
P., Mrs. Gates.
- 27509 Golden Rod Band.
P., Miss Stewart.
- 27510 Maceo Band.
P., Miss Isabelle.
- 27511 Marguerite Band.
P., Miss Wilson.
- 27512 Forget-me-not Band.
P., Miss Miller.
- 27513 Benjamin Arnett Band.
P., Miss McArthur.
- 27514 Endeavor Band.
P., Miss Vignes.
- 27515 Workers Band.
P., Miss Bibb.
- 27516 Wide Awake Band.
P., Miss Brazley.
- 27517 Biloxi, Miss.
Central School.
Robert E. Lee Band.
P., J. M. Taylor.
- 27518 Dixie Band.
P., Mrs. Booth.
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P., Miss Santini.
- 27520 John G. Whittier Band.
P., Miss Andrews.
- 27521 Columbia Band.
P., Mrs. Smiley.
- 27522 Columbus Band.
P., Miss Holly.
- 27523 Little Workers Band.
P., Mrs. Taylor.
- 27524 Point Cadet School.
Golden Rod Band.
P., Marie Brooks.
- 27525 Forest Park School.
Perseverance Band.
P., Miss Rodenberg.
- 27526 Buck Bay School.
George Washington Band.
P., Mr. Darvas.
- 27527 Victor School, Colored.
Lincoln Band.
P., James A. Burns.
- 27528 I'll Try Band.
P., George Powells.
- 27529 Austin School.
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P., Mrs. A. E. Austin.
- 27530 Lilly Band.
P., Miss Cora White.
- 27531 Doohauer School.
Sunshine Band.
P., Miss T. Doohauer.
- 27532 Marie Stella School.
Forget-me-not Band.
P., Sister Alphonse.
- 27533 Star of the Sea Band.
P., Sister Angeline.
- 27534 St. Patrick Band.
P., Sister Jacqueline.
- 27535 Violet Band.
P., Sister Ursula.
- 27536 Beauvoir, Miss.
Golden Rule Band.
P., R. L. Zuber.
- 27537 Bay St. Louis, Miss.
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P., J. H. Swandell.
- 27538 No. 2 Band.
P., Miss Scott.
- 27539 No. 3 Band.
P., Miss Morris.
- 27540 Columbus, Ohio.
Galland Band.
P., Lee W. Harrington.
- 27541 Corydon, Ky.
Geo. T. Angell Band.
P., Blanche Harness.
- 27542 Gainesville, Texas.
Sunbeam Humane Society Band.
P., Master Willie Brooks.
- 27543 N. Y. City, N. Y.
Kind Act Band.
P., Miss M. Goldsmith.
- 27544 St. Paul, Minn.
John Burroughs Band.
P., William Mitchell.
- 27545 Kansas City, Mo.
Florence Nightingale Band.
P., Richard E. Scammon.
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Albion Band.
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- 27547 Providence, R. I.
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P., Miss Annie E. Udell.
- 27548 Sunshine Band.
P., Miss C. V. Keogh.
- 27549 Kind Boys and Girls Band.
P., Lillie C. Farr.
- 27550 I'll Try Band.
P., Alice R. Collins.
- 27551 Kansas City, Mo.
Linwood E. J. L. Band.
P., Marie Johnson.
- 27552 Kind Words Band.
P., Mary Lyons.
- 27553 Golden Rule Band.
P., Dick Du Page.
- 27554 Helpers Band.
P., Myrtle West.
- 27555 Mackenzie Band.
P., Edith Ellis.
- 27556 Sunbeam Band.
P., Effie Seachrest.
- 27557 Helpful Band.
P., Miss Emma R. Nash.
- 27558 Angell Band.
P., Ada Spencer.
- 27559 Olneyville, R. I.
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- 27560 Brighton, Mass.
Brighton Band.
P., Edie E. Poole.
- 27561 Traverse City, Mich.
Pansy Band.
P., Miss Ivy Wood.
- 27562 Junior C. E. Band.
P., Mabel Bates.
- 27563 Dickinson, N. C.
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P., Herbert S. McKay.
- 27564 Kansas City, Mo.
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P., Luellen Williams.
- 27565 Youngstown, Ohio.
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P., Sarah Williams.
- 27566 Janesville, Minn.
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P., Miss Ellen Tomlin.
- 27567 Maniton, Manitoba, Can.
Maniton Band.
P., Mrs. R. W. McClung.
- 27568 Montpelier, Ind.
Montpelier Band.
P., Zora Daily.
- 27569 Kansas City, Mo.
Div. No. 3 Band.
P., Louise Bentnup.
- 27570 Holyoke, Mass.
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P., Miss M. E. Webster.
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P., Russell Ashbaugh.
- 27572 Cooperstown, N. Y.
Golden Rod Band.
P., Fanny Ottaway.
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Washington Band.
P., Miss M. E. Fresne.
- 27574 Sunbeam Band.
P., Miss A. E. Schaefer.
- 27575 Eagle Band.
P., Mrs. F. E. Kelt.
- 27576 Blue Bird Band.
P., Wm. S. Hardman.
- 27577 Hastings, Neb.
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P., M. E. Pease.
- 27578 Hastings Band, No. 5.
P., Katie M. Birdsall.
- 27579 Snohomish, Wash.
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P., Lee Shaw.
- 27580 Kansas City, Mo.
Pansy Band.
P., Alva R. Hamilton.
- 27581 Phillips School Band, No. 3.
P., Arthur Lacey.
- 27582 Red, White and Blue Band.
P., Elizabeth Bailey.
- 27583 Longfellow Band.
P., Master Earl Tuggie.
- 27584 Strong, Me.
Golden Rule Band.
P., Margaret Mills.
- 27585 New Haven, Conn.
New Haven Band.
P., Arthur Healy.
- 27586 Kansas City, Mo.
Golden Rule Band.
P., Leslie Wright.
- 27587 Brooklyn, N. Y.
Pansy Band.
P., Miss Ida A. Spader.
- 27588 Holyoke, Mass.
Mayflower Band.
P., Mr. Orphie Rivest.
- 27589 St. Paul, Minn.
St. Paul Band.
P., Alma Burgess.
- 27590 New Haven, Conn.
Golden Rule Band.
P., Albert Shanley.
- 27591 Whitman, Mass.
High School Band, Div. 1.
P., Margaret A. Gaffney.
- 27592 High School Band, Div. 2.
P., Grace T. Pratt.
- 27593 High School Band, Div. 3.
P., Carrie E. Hodge.
- 27594 High School Band, Div. 4.
P., Mr. Dudley L. Whitmarsh.
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- 27596 Oriole Band.
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- 27603 Excelsior Band.
P., Grace M. Libby.
- 27604 Pilgrim Band.
P., Emma R. Maloy.
- 27605 Mayflower Band.
P., Miss D. A. Partridge.
- 27606 Bluebird Band.
P., Miss Grace R. Luther.
- 27607 Beautiful Joe Band.
P., Eloise M. Prentiss.
- 27608 Whitman Band, No. 4.
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- 27609 Warren Ave. Band.
P., Collia Snow.
- 27610 Puritan Band.
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P., Miss E. G. Scolley.
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P., Miss N. E. Lyons.
- 27619 Kansas City, Mo.
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- 27620 Geneva, Ind.
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P., Mrs. H. E. Rhodes.
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- 27628 Little Bo Peep Band.
P., Miss Ruth K. Burrage.
- 27629 Robin Red Breast Band.
P., Miss Etta G. Dickey.
- 27630 Littleton, Mass.
High School Band.
P., Wm. E. Cox.
- 27631 Oklahoma, Oklahoma Ter.
L. T. L. Band.
P., Mrs. V. R. Boggs.
- 27632 Holyoke, Mass.
Holyoke Humane Soc. Band.
P., Miss Jessie Heidner.
- 27633 Byron, Minn.
Byron Black Beauty Band.
P., Carl Rickert.
- 27634 Springville, Utah.
Springville Band.
P., Ella Lund.
- 27635 Kansas City, Mo.
Golden Rule Band.
P., Miss Virginia Hereford.
- 27636 Kansas City, Mo.
Little Sunbeam Band.
P., Miss Kirtley.
- 27637 Sunshine Band.
P., Miss Cunningham.
- 27638 So. Auburn, Neb.
So. Auburn Band.
P., Miss Gertrude Ray.
- 27639 Kansas City, Mo.
Woodland Band, No. 9.
P., John Craig.
- 27640 Hisey Band.
P., Henry Hittschew.
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P., A. A. Dodd.
- 27642 Kansas City, Mo.
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P., Miss Agnes Hamilton.
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P., Miss M. Eliza Douglass.
- 27644 Vigilant Band.
P., Miss S. Amelia Glazer.
- 27645 Golden Rule Band.
P., Miss Abbie A. Hathaway.
- 27646 Little Helpers Band.
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- 27647 Youngest Band.
P., Miss Pauline Tingley.
- 27648 Johnston, R. I.
Kindness to Animals Band.
P., Miss H. F. Holbrook.
- 27649 Providence, R. I.
Oxford Band.
P., Miss Stella C. Allen.
- 27650 Oxford Humane Band.
P., Miss Mary A. S. Morgan.
- 27651 Loyal Defenders Band.
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- 27652 McKinley Band.
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- 27657 Animals Friends Band.
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P., Miss Ella Grant.
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- 27663 Revere, Mass.
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- 27665 Longfellow Band.
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- 27666 O. W. Holmes Band.
P., Jeannette Curtis.
- 27667 Pansy Willow Band.
P., Elsie B. Porter.
- 27668 Primrose Band.
P., Miss M. G. Cunningham.
- 27669 Bright Eyes Band.
P., Miss Maud F. Wales.
- 27670 Red, White and Blue Band.
P., Miss Nellie W. Ring.
- 27671 Kansas City, Mo.
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P., Mrs. Arnot.

OUR PHOTOGRAPHS.

For the benefit of the many thousands of new subscribers for this paper and of *hundreds of thousands of new members* of our "Bands of Mercy," we republish by request our photograph and that of our good friend Hon. Henry B. Hill, Vice-President and Treasurer of our two Humane Societies.

The question is asked us, "What is the circulation of *Our Dumb Animals*?"

Answer—Regularly between 50,000 and 60,000, and sometimes it has been from 100,000 to 200,000.

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In the State to

All members of our two Humane Societies. Several thousands of business firms and men. All Massachusetts clergy, Protestant and Roman Catholic. All Massachusetts lawyers, physicians, bank presidents and cashiers, postmasters, school superintendents, large numbers of writers, speakers and teachers through the State. About 600 of the Society's agents in almost every Massachusetts city and town.

"Bands of Mercy" through the State. Many subscribers and others through the State. The Boston police. The Massachusetts legislature. Hundreds of coachmen, drivers and teamsters. *The editors of all Massachusetts newspapers and other publications.* Many newspaper reporters.

Outside the State.

All our Humane Societies throughout the entire world. Large numbers of subscribers in our own and foreign countries. Thousands of our *Bands of Mercy* in our own and other countries. Members of our National Congress. *Presidents of all American Colleges and Universities north of Mexico.* Writers, speakers, teachers, and many others in various States and Territories. *The editors of about twenty thousand American publications, including all in our own country and British America.*

Of these about *twenty thousand* we have good reasons for believing that not less than nineteen thousand, and perhaps more, are read either by editors or by their wives and children.

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"LIGHT TO BENEFIT MANKIND."

For this valuable paper written by a New York Vice-president of our *American Humane Education Society*—gratuitously circulated by *American Humane Education Society*—write

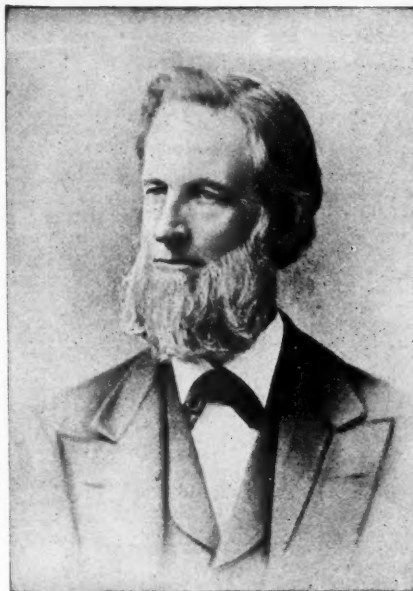
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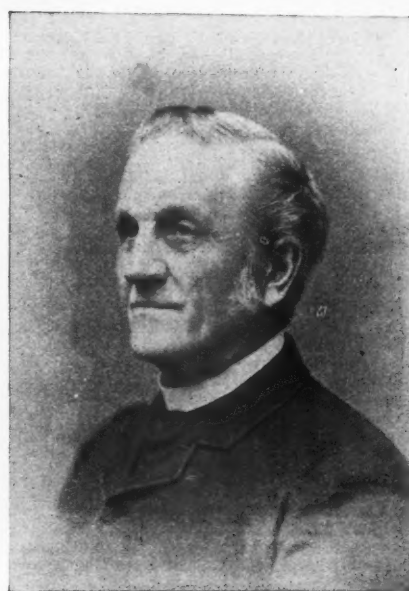
In hiring a herdle, coupe, or other carriage never forget to look at the horses and hire those that look the best and have no docked tails. When we take a herdle we pick out one drawn by a good horse, tell the driver not to hurry, but take it easy, and give him five or ten cents over his fare for being kind to his horse. We never ride behind a dock-tailed horse.

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GEORGE T. ANGELL.



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GEO. T. ANGELL, President.

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In moving out of town don't forget your cat.

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(1.) That the owner does not care one straw for the suffering of dumb animals.

(2.) That the owner does not care one straw for the good opinion of nine-tenths of his fellow-citizens who witness the effects of his cruelty.

IS IT CRUEL?

Is it cruel to keep a horse locked up in a stable without exercise?

Answer: Just as cruel as it would be to keep a boy, or girl, or man, or woman in the same condition.

If to this is added *solitary confinement* without the company of other animals then the cruelty is still greater.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

(For *Our Dumb Animals*.)

OUR NEIGHBOR.

We've a charming new neighbor moved in the next door;

He is hardly *new* either, he's lived there before: I should think he had come here two summers or more;

His winters he spends far away.
He is handsome and stylish, most fine to behold,
In his glossy black coat and his vest of bright gold.
He is "proud of his feathers," so I have been told,
And I half believe what people say.

His wife is a beauty, he's fond of her, too;
He calls her his "Judy;" I like it, don't you?
And he sings every day all the long summer through,
Yet he is not a bit of a bore.

For he's a musician of wonderful power:
I could list to his beautiful voice by the hour,
As he sings to his wife in their green, shady bower
In the elm tree that shadows my door.

He's a sociable neighbor, we like him full well,
Although we've not called yet, and cannot quite tell
All he says, tho' his voice is as clear as a bell,
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Do you ask what his name is? Our dear little Sue
Was anxious to know it, and asked him it, too,
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"My name is *Sir Oriole*, ma'am."

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FROM REPORT OF CHARLES A. CURRIER,
CHIEF PROSECUTING AGENT OF MASS.
SOCIETY P. C. TO ANIMALS.

Total number of complaints investigated, from March 1, 1896, to March 1, 1897, 8,370. Animals taken from work, 1,301. Animals mercifully killed, 1,883.

Total number of cases investigated by Society agents from April, 1868, to March 1, 1897, 110,893. Prosecuted and convicted, 4,984.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE CASES DURING THE YEAR.

1. For beating his horse with a cart stake, a teamster was fined \$25. Two others who used the butts of their whips were fined \$25 each, while a third was sent to jail for three months. One who kicked his horse was fined \$20.
2. Divers cartmen, who beat their horses with shovels and large sticks, were fined in sums varying from \$10 to \$30. A farmer who severely clubbed a pair of horses while ploughing, was fined \$50, and in default of payment went to jail. A second who beat a cow was fined \$15. Another who beat his oxen, was fined \$20, and in default went to the House of Correction.
3. Two young men riding for pleasure, lashed a jaded-out horse till he fell and after he was on the ground (from which he never rose), one paid fine of \$100, the other paid fine of \$50.
4. For overloading his team, a truckman was fined \$15.
5. Divers persons who overdrove their horses were fined in sums varying from \$10 to \$20 each. Five lads who "stole a ride," and overdrove the horse, were fined \$10 each. Three young men who drove a horse to his death were fined \$30 each. Another paid fine of \$50, while another was sent to the House of Correction for three months.
6. For driving lame, galled, sore-backed and unfit horses, divers teamsters, carriage drivers and hucksters paid fines varying from \$10 to \$25. For driving a galled horse in a band-wagon, a circus proprietor paid fine of \$20. A jockey who led a very lame horse to auction, was fined \$10. Another who led a horse a half mile, with one leg broken, was fined \$25.
7. For non-sheltering their horses, divers parties paid fines of \$10 each. A hackman who permitted his horses to stand shivering in a cold storm without cover, was fined \$20.
8. For non-feeding their livestock, divers farmers paid fines varying from \$15 to \$25 each. One paid fine of \$100. Two others were imprisoned—one in jail, the other in House of Correction.
9. For abandoning a horse on a marsh, where the flies tormented him, a jockey was fined \$5. Two others who left their used-up horses by the road-side, were fined \$15 each. One who thus left a sick horse was fined \$50, and in default went to jail. Another for a like offence was sent to the House of Correction.
10. For torturing a horse by dragging him with a rope fastened to his jaw, his owner was fined \$15. One who dragged his horse with a chain fastened to his neck, was fined \$30. A second for a like offence paid fine of \$50.
11. For wantonly mutilating dogs, by shooting, two persons were fined, one \$12, the other \$25.



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12. For pouring kerosene on a rat and igniting it, an offender was fined \$25. Another who chopped off the paw of a kitten was fined \$12.
13. A teamster who wantonly ran his wagon over the foot of a dog was fined \$15. Another who struck his horse in the face with a cotton hook, cutting it badly, was fined \$20.
14. A hunter who fired a charge of shot into the eyes of a deer, was fined \$25.
15. A young man who threw a cat into a river and then incited a dog to follow and worry her, was fined \$5. Another who kicked a cat to death was fined \$10.
16. A veterinary surgeon who docked the tail of a horse was fined \$100.
17. For cock-fighting two parties were fined \$20 each, but in default were sent to the house of correction.
18. For transporting live hens in a barrel, piled one on the other, a poulturer was fined \$15.

Cases Investigated by our Boston Officers since March.

Whole number dealt with, 668; animals taken from work, 80; horses and other animals mercifully killed, 45.

Report of Country Agents for Last Quarter.

Whole number dealt with, 324; animals taken from work, 63; mercifully killed, 59.

A MOTHER'S GRATITUDE.

Some time ago, as Mr. Niedlinger was approaching the place at which he was spending the summer with his family, he heard cries of distress. At the corner of a barn he found a colt wedged between the siding and a post which supported the ends of the wires of a barbed wire fence.

The barbs of the wires of the fence were hurting the colt cruelly. But the cries which Mr. Niedlinger heard were not from the colt. They came from the colt's mother, a beautiful brood mare, who stood by with extended neck and wide eyes and quivering body, expressing her pain, her solicitude, and crying out for the help which she could not give herself.

Mr. N. hurriedly removed the staples which secured the wires to the post, the wires dropped and the colt went free. The mother, with every demonstration of joy at the release of her offspring, rushed up to it, licked it, put

her chin over it, and fondled it with low sounds. Pleased that he had given the mother so much pleasure as well as that he had saved the colt, Mr. N. started along the path to the house, but he had not gone far when he was aware of hoof-falls behind him. He looked over his shoulder. There was the mother. He reached out his hand. She licked it with low whinnies of thankfulness. She followed him clear to the house, and still stood on the lawn thanking him for what he had done in the interest of one whose mother she was, and whom she loved with all a mother's love.

CHARLES JOSIAH ADAMS.

IT IS A MYSTERY.

A writer in the *North American Review*, Arthur Mark Cummings, under the heading, "The Death Instinct in Animals," gives a case of what seems to have been "transference of thought" between a cow and her calf. He says: "The farmer who owned them kept the calf in his barn, but drove the cow to a distant pasture every morning with the rest of the herd. She soon became reconciled to the arrangement, and was accustomed to feed quietly until it was time to return to her calf. One day the farmer killed the calf suddenly and painlessly. There was no outcry; no chance for the cow to see the deed. She was at a distance from the barn, which apparently precluded the possibility of her knowing what had been done. Yet no sooner was the calf dead than she left her grazing with the rest of the herd, and came up to the barn lowing and showing every symptom of uneasiness. There she stayed from noon till milking time, moving about restlessly as she had never done before. There was no communication possible so far as human senses could perceive between mother and offspring; yet there is no doubt that the cow had some dim knowledge, and that she suffered more than the calf did." Mr. Cummings gives a couple of other instances of what he calls the "death instinct" in animals, one of which seems to point to "transference of thought" between a man and a tortoise-shell cat he was about to kill.

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